



Submitted for: October 18th, 2018

### Motion Regarding Council Length 2018-10-18

**WHEREAS**, SSMU Legislative Council has historically has had long meetings, with meetings in the past lasting up until 2:00 am;

**WHEREAS**, meetings of this length are unhealthy for all Councilors, while also promoting disengagement with SSMU as whole;

**WHEREAS**, SSMU Legislative Council meetings should be kept efficient and not unreasonably long;

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU Steering Committee and the Speaker of Council adopt the following guiding principles for Legislative Council agendas this year:

- 1) The expectation that Legislative Council meetings will endeavour end at 10:00 pm at the latest;
  - a) Suggested adjournment shall occur if there is no confidential session and if any of the following criteria are met:
    - i) If a motion is being debated and it is past 10:00 pm, the motion will be debated in entirety.
    - ii) If a Councillor report is being discussed and it is past 10:00 pm, the current and remaining Councilor reports will be presented.
    - iii) If a committee report is being discussed and it is past 10:00 pm, the current and remaining committee reports will be presented.
    - iv) If an executive report is being given and it is past 10:00 pm, all executive reports will be discussed.
  - b) If adjournment were to be suggested, but a confidential session was necessary, the confidential session would occur immediately when the adjournment would have occurred.
- 2) A maximum of 3 presentations at any given Legislative Council subject to the discretion of Steering Committee.
- 3) That a projected timeline is created during Steering Committee that shows estimated time allotted to debate on motions, comparable to what McGill Senate does.



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- 4) Motions that are time sensitive will be prioritized in the agenda and be at the beginning of New Business. Motions that may be postponed will be towards the end of New Business at the discretion of Steering Committee.
- 5) Pursuant to the Internal Regulations of Governance, Legislative Council may resolve itself to call another meeting at its discretion if the need to address motions arises.

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